

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

December 9, 2008

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will commence January 27, 28, and 29, 2009. Thousands of volunteers will partner with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to conduct the street count enumeration that has occurred every two years since 2005.

While the Count itself is federally mandated, the purpose and benefits of conducting the Homeless Count goes far beyond meeting a requirement. The data gathered in January will be extremely valuable to efforts to reduce and end homelessness across Los Angeles County. It will help service providers, policy makers, local governments, elected officials and other stakeholders understand the geographic and demographic diversity of homelessness so that the types of housing and services provided are responsive to the need.

In addition, collecting this data provides an opportunity to track changes in the numbers and characteristics of the homeless population over time, and to monitor our progress towards ending homelessness. We must make every effort to support this process and encourage volunteer participation in this important endeavor.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim January 26-30, 2009, as Homeless Count Week 2009.

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I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Chief Executive Officer work with the Executive Director of Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) as well as the Directors of the Departments of Public Social Services, Child Support, Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health, Parks and Recreation, Human Resources, Children and Family Services, Public Works and Community and Senior Services as well as the County Librarian, the Community Development Commission, Chief Information Officer, Children's Council of Los Angeles County, Policy Roundtable for Child Care, the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the Sheriff, to ensure support for the 2009 Homeless Count and encourage staff to volunteer.

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